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This proposed settlement is a sweetheart deal for Microsoft. It will do nothing to repair the damage from their past actions, and it will have no practical effect moving forward. Microsoft will maintain and even strengthen their monopoly.

It's clear why this has happened. The Bush administration is hostile to anti-trust enforcement, and Microsoft has become a major contributor to the Republican party.

The official corruption is evident in the terms of the settlement, which sound ok on their face, but contain enough loopholes that they will not actually have any effect. This allows the government to claim that they're doing something, when in fact, they are not.

I strongly urge the government to reject this settlement and adopt Judge Jackson's breakup plan. While Judge Jackson may have personally screwed up, his remedy plan was the right approach. Don't let his personal failure keep us from doing the right thing.

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